# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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NOMINATION OF MEMBERS ON COCONUT DEVELOPMENT BOARD
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have any criteria to nominate the Members of various Boards, including Coconut Development Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any member has been nominated to Coconut Development Board whohas inadequate knowledge or experience of agriculture or agro-industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d): Members to the various Boards are nominated in accordance with their respective acts, rules and regulations. Nomination of members to the Coconut Development Board under this Ministry is made in accordance with section 4 (4) of theCoconut Development Board Act, 1979. As per this act the Board shall consist of the following members: -

1. OFFICIAL MEMBERS

(i) a Chairman, to be appointed by the Central Government;

(ii) the Horticulture commissioner to the Government of India, ex officio;

(iii) the Director, Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (Indian Council of Agricultural Research), ex officio;

(iv) the Chairman of the Coir Board constituted under section 4 of the Coir Industry Act, 1953, ex officio;

(v) three members of Parliament of whom two shall be elected by the House of the People and one by the Council of States;

(vi) two members to be appointed by Central Government to represent respectively the Ministries of the Central Government dealing with-

? revenue; and
? Civil Supplies and Co-operation;

(vii) three members to be appointed by the Central Government one each to represent the Governments of the States of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, being States wherein coconut is grown on a large scale;

(viii) five members to be appointed by the Central Government by rotation in the alphabetical order to represent the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Maharashtra, Orissa and West Bengal and the Union territories of theAndaman and Nicobar Islands, Goa, Daman and Diu, Lakshadweep and Pondicherry;

2. NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS

(ix) four members to be appointed by the Central Government, two to represent the coconut growers of the State of Kerala and one each to represent the coconut growers of the States of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka;

(x) one member to be appointed by the Central Government to represent the coconut processing industry;

(xi) two members to be appointed by the Central Government to represent such other interests connected with the coconut industry as, in the opinion of that Government, ought to be represented;

Except for ex officio members, the term of appointment is for a period not exceeding three years. For nomination of official members the concerned Central Ministries and State Governments / Union Territories Administration are consulted. For non-official members, the Central Government may make such consultations as it may think fit, before appointing the representatives of the interests specified. As per rule 3 of the Coconut Development Board Rules, 1981 there is no specific educational qualification or experience provided for nomination of non-official members.